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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, US

SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: PAROLE

1. WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF PUTTING UP TO THE SECRETARY A
DECISION TO SEEK THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONSENT TO PAROLING
APPROXIMATELY 540 UNMARRIED SYRIAN WOMEN INTO THE U.S.
DESPITE OPPOSITION ON THE HILL TO PAROLES OF ANY KIND,
KEY HOUSE AND SENATE FIGURES IN JUDICIARY COMMITTEES
BELIEVE PAROLE IS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND MOST APPROPRIATE
ARRANGEMENT. PAROLE AUTHORITY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE
OCCASIONAL USE OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROCESSING AT FRANKFURT,
FOR EXAMPLE, BUT WITH THE PAROLE ARRANGEMENT HIAS REPRESENTATIVES
WOULD NOT HAVE TO SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE IN
FRANKFURT WITH THE EXPENSE AND VISIBILITY THIS WOULD
ENTAIL.

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2. KEY CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS ADVISE ME TO MAKE PAROLE
ONLY FOR UNMARRIED WOMEN AT THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF BLANKET
PAROLE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF SYRIAN JEWS, BELIEVING THIS
WOULD BE POLITICALLY MORE PALATABLE ON THE HILL, WE COULD
BROADEN THE ARRANGEMENT LATER IF THINGS GO WELL.

3. KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ASSURE US PAROLE ARRANGEMENT

COULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

4. I NEED, HOWEVER, A FINAL CHECK WITH YOU BEFORE WE GO FORWARD. LET US BOTH ASSUME THAT THE FACT OF A PAROLE ARRANGEMENT WILL LEAK OUT EVENTUALLY AND WE WILL BE COMPELLED TO EXPLAIN OUR DECISION TO THE SYRIANS. I PERSONALLY AM CONFIDENT IN YOUR ABILITY TO DO SO, PERHAPS SAYING THAT THIS IS BASICALLY A TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT TO GET AROUND THE TROUBLESOME QUIRKS IN OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS AND NOTING THAT IT CONSTITUTES A DE FACTO GUARANTEE OF SORTS THAT THE MAIDENS WILL BE LEAVING SYRIA TO RESIDE IN THE STATES, AND NOT ISRAEL.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS BY SATURDAY MORNING MY TIME, IF NOT EARLIER. VANCE

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